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Record of Work and Future Plans
Project II-1.3 "Effects of Pollutants Upon
Aquatic Ecosystems and Permissible Levels of Pollution"

(Working Group II-1 of the US-USSR Agreement on
Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection)

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OGC Has Reviewed

In accordance with the memorandum of implementation dated December 1974, of the third meeting of the US-USSR Joint Committee on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection, Project II-1.3 of Working Group II-1 held its first meeting of specialists from October 10 to October 24, 1975.

I. Summary of Visit of USSR Delegation to US

Visits were made to water pollution research laboratories in Cincinnati, Ohio; Columbia, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; and Duluth, Minnesota. Approaches to solve water pollution problems used in each country were discussed and compared and both sides found mutual benefit from the exchange of ideas.

On October 21, 1975, the symposium on the "Effects of Pollutants on Aquatic Organisms and Ecosystems" was begun. Twenty scientific papers were presented, ten from each side and each was followed by discussion and exchange of ideas among the symposium participants. Scientists from both sides mutually benefited from these exchanges.

Both sides agreed that the papers presented by each side would be published in the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Research Report Series and in both languages. Each side will provide for publication final copies of their own manuscripts in both languages by December 15, 1975. Costs of publication will be born by the U.S. side and at least two hundred (200) copies will be presented to the Soviet side at no cost to the USSR.

II. Future Plans

Plans for joint efforts for 1976 and years following were discussed. We recommend the following projects to our Working Group for their consideration and approval for implementation:

- 1) An exchange of the latest information on methodology for developing water pollution standards, and related areas of concern.

2) A Soviet-American symposium in the latter part of June 1976 in the USSR on methods of water pollution control and reception of an American scientific delegation in the USSR in connection with the symposium to observe and discuss problems of mutual interest.

3) Reception of two American Scientists in the USSR for 2-3 months followed by reception of two Soviet scientists for 2-3 months in the USA. The visiting scientists will work cooperatively with scientists of the host country in water pollution research laboratories. The work schedule of the visiting scientists will be determined more specifically when the US Delegation visits the USSR in the latter part of June 1976.

III. Both sides recommend that the name of Project II-1.3 should be broadened to the following: "Effects of Pollutants on Aquatic Organisms and Ecosystems and Permissible Levels of Pollutants."

IV. Results of our Joint Efforts

Both sides agree that our first cooperative efforts during 1975 have been mutually useful and that the above proposed cooperative efforts will also be helpful to both sides and will lead to more rapid resolution of water pollution problems in each country.

This document was signed in Duluth, Minnesota, October 23, 1975, in two versions, English and Russian, both being equally authentic.

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